

**PATENT APPLICATION**

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re application of

Docket No: Q96480

Yukihiko MASHIMA

Appln. No.: 10/593,103

Group Art Unit: 1634

Confirmation No.: 9096

Examiner: Amanda Marie Shaw

Filed: September 15, 2006

For: METHOD FOR DIAGNOSING OR PREDICTING SUSCEPTIBILITY TO OPTIC NEUROPATHY

**RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT AND PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

**MAIL STOP AMENDMENT**

Commissioner for Patents

P.O. Box 1450

Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

In response to the Restriction Requirement dated March 24, 2009, please amend the above-identified application as follows on the accompanying pages.

**TABLE OF CONTENTS**

AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION .....	2
AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS.....	3
REMARKS.....	26